MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from Government how long this investigation has been conducted ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : One investigation was conducted some years ago by the Quilon Division Road Engineer and a subsequent investigation was conducted by the Irrigation Sub Division Officer. Recently, after local enquiry, investigation is being conducted by the local Sub Division Officer, since the last meeting of the Assembly.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Are these investigations anywhere near completion ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : They are being conducted, and they will surely be completed as early as possible.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : At whose instance were these investigations started ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : These investigations were started as a result of petitions from the cultivators of these *punja lands*.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : What I ask is, whether the position is that the investigations were started at the instance of the ryots or at the instance of the officers concerned ?

PRESIDENT : Mr. Krishna Pillai's voice is particularly low to-day.

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Investigations were started under the orders of Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Was it on the motion of the ryots I ask ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

The Land Colonization Scheme.

287. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many acres of land have been declared available for land colonization till date (10-2-1112) since the passing of the Land Colonization Scheme ; and

(*b*) how many applications have been received up till now for the grant of land for such colonies ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Two.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know from Government when the Land Colonization Scheme was sanctioned by Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : No particular Land Colonization Scheme was sanctioned by Government. There were rules in the old Puduval rules provided for such schemes.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know when those rules were framed ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): About 1923, or so.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Then may I know why no land was made available for colonization?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Nobody wanted them.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Sir, answer to part (*b*) of the question says that there were two applications. May I know the reasons why lands were not given to these applicants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In one case land was given *i. e.*, for the War Service Mens' Association. In the other case the party did not take further action when he was called upon to furnish certain information. He did not take any interest in it.

Incomplete Primary Schools.

288. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many incomplete Primary Schools have been abolished during 1110 and 1111; and

(*b*) what amount have they gained in grant by abolishing them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 1110 ... 51
1111 ... 70

(*b*) Rs. 14,420-21-0.

V. P. School, Maneed, in Muvattupuzha taluk.

289. *MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupusha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the pay bills of the V. P. School, Maneed, in Muvattupuzha taluk, for each of the months beginning from Dhanu 1111 to Kanni 1112 have been sanctioned by the Inspector and sent to the Headmaster;

(*b*) a history of the pay bill of the same school for the month of Chingam 1112 till it was actually cashed in the treasury; and

(*c*) whether it is true that the Headmaster, Mr. P. C. Thomas, of the same school was fined, and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) A *statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

(*b*) The Headmaster, Maneed Primary School, returned the bill for Chingam 1112 to the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha, on 22-2-1112 on the ground that the office stamp was not imprinted on the bill. It was received by the Assistant Inspector on 24-2-1112 and returned to the school on 25-2-1112. The bill is reported to have been cashed on 1-3-1112.

(*c*) Yes. For official irregularities.

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